

MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday July 20, 2022 @ 10:00 AM
City Hall Committee Room

PRESENT: Chair, Rob Dickinson, Director of Engineering & Public Works (via zoom)
Peggy Gibbs, ICBC (via zoom)
RCMP, Manager of Community Policing, Dave Cusson
Councillor Ron Paulson
Larry Ransom - Trustee, SD 70
Eric Bruvall, City of Port Alberni Engineering Technician

REGRETS: Deputy Fire Chief, Wes Patterson
RCMP, Sgt. Peter Dionne
ICBC, Caroline Robinson
Diversified Transportation, Kathy Deschamps
SD#70 Director of Operations, Greg Roe
Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure, Jessica Learn

DELEGATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

**Action
By**

NEW BUSINESS

1. May 6, 2022 email request from Allyson Lowery regarding improved safety pedestrian crossing at Craig Rd. and Tebo Ave.

We do not currently have traffic volume data as per ICBC, therefore data collection is to be set up by the City to monitor traffic volume and speed. No claims were reported between the period of 2016 – 2020 but Tebo Ave. could warrant additional safety measures as per ICBC. Community Policing commented that speeding does exist on Tebo Ave. and supports enhancing safety measures. The City will follow up to ensure there is crosswalk signage on both the east and west side of Tebo Ave.

2. May 18, 2022 email request from Tasha Gallagher regarding install of a crosswalk at Lathom Rd. and Helen St.

ICBC reviewed 2016-2020 claims and reported one claim, however it was not pedestrian related. As there is no crosswalk, ICBC suggested a crosswalk warrant be run, which would indicate the level of appropriate crossing control. A warrant would require traffic and pedestrian volumes (not currently available), and until these volumes are available, it's uncertain whether a crosswalk would be appropriate. Community Policing supports a crosswalk and advised of complaints of speeding down Lathom Rd. Trees in the proximity would hinder a speed tracker/monitoring system.

3. June 2, 2022 email request from Bob Matlock regarding improved safety pedestrian crossing at 8th Ave. and Argyle St.

ICBC reviewed 2016-2020 claims and reported two claims, however they were not pedestrian related. ICBC suggested a crosswalk warrant be run, which would indicate

the level of appropriate crossing control. A warrant would require traffic and pedestrian volumes (not currently available), and until these volumes are available, it's uncertain whether a crosswalk would be appropriate. ICBC referred to an email sent in May 2022 stating that, "Doing a preliminary run through the TAC crossing control warrant, it looks as if a higher level of crossing control may be warranted than the marked/signed crosswalk in Google Streetview 2015. Note that Argyle has marked/signed crosswalks at every intersection between Harbour Rd and 10th Avenue, so the same warrant result might be found at those crosswalks, depending on pedestrian volumes."

Westbound visibility on Argyle St. from 10th Avenue to 9th and 8th Avenue crosswalks are poor. Overgrown trees are impacting visibility of the crosswalk signage. Engineering advised that there is potential for curb extensions to narrow the road. Rob will follow up with McElhanney to discuss this intersection.

Committee members also discussed the crosswalk at Johnston Rd. and Southgate St. The overhead sign does not have a button on the light pole or flashing lights. Rob will follow up with the Ministry of Highways as well as to ensure there is a crosswalk sign on both the east and west side of Johnston Rd.

Councillor Paulson requested an update regarding the yellow line painting on City streets.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF NEXT MEETING DATE FOR 2022:

October 19, 2022

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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